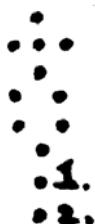


JAMES RUSSELL & SONS - THE CROWN. By Roy Everett & Arthur Smith.

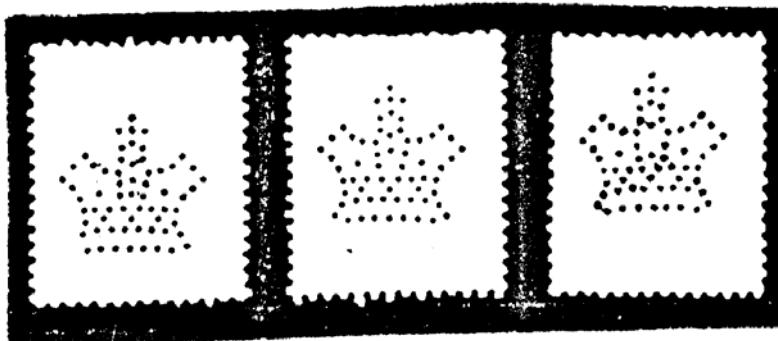
Tilles Design 41: Edwards Design 0140.01 : Crown 63 12mm.

When finding an extra dot in what at first sight appeared to be a normal Tilles Design 41 making the hole count 64, Roy Everett also wondered why the 64 holed was on EVII issues yet others similar to Tilles Design 41 mere on QV 1d lilacs. The earlier items bore the numeral 850 and the EVII the cancellation of Wednesbury, both the same.

Arthur Smith also considered this a new die at first but on checking his holdings of this perfin he found that he had an item that carried 63 holes but differed from the Tilles in that it had the lower of two central dots. It can be shown thus-



- A. Full die has both dots 1 and 2.
- B. Tilles has dot 1 only.
- C. Arthurs die has dot 2 only.



A.

B.

C.

Arthur did not mention on what issue his die featured upon, but these do tend to substantiate a fact that this business utilised a multi-die headed perfinning device at its works. Some dies breaking early on and others lasting the test of time. Arthur feels that the Catalogues need amending to show the present illustration as a provisional or missing pin die and a new entry is required- Design ? 64 holes 12mm. Any other information may be of value to the Catalogue Editor.

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RON BROWN has made a check of holdings of the stamp with crown Design 0140.01. His study shows:-

A = found on QV 1d lilac & EVII 1d red.

B = found on QV 1d lilac & EVII 1d red.

C = found on QV 1d lilac only.

If anyone has any of these varieties on different reigns to these, Ron would be interested in purchasing them.